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Title: METHODS FOR SIMULTANEOUS ISOLATION OF BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS AND DNA

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Sir:

In response to the office action of June 3, 2002, please amend the above identified Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel Claims 5-8

Cancel Claim 2

Amend Claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of Claim 9 wherein the step of performing DNA extraction comprises the steps of:

- 1) adding buffer containing Tris-HCl, EDTA, NaCl and SDS to the nuclear fraction of step 12,
- 2) adding RNAase A followed by proteinase K for approximately 2 hours at approximately